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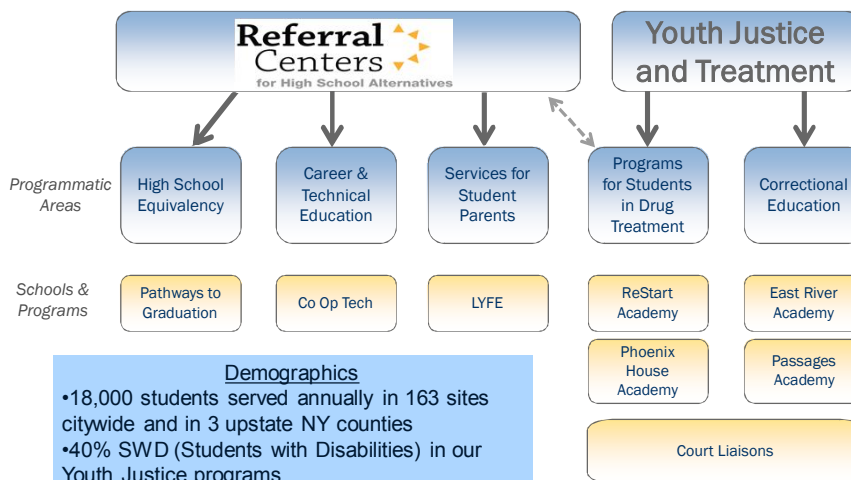
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District 79 Programs and Services

Referral Centers for High School Alternatives

Youth Justice and Treatment

Programmatic Areas

| High School Equivalency | Career & Technical Education | Services for Student Parents | Programs for Students in Drug Treatment | Correctional Education |

Schools & Programs

| Pathways to Graduation | Co Op Tech | LYFE | ReStart Academy | East River Academy |
| | | | Phoenix House Academy | Passages Academy |

Court Liaisons

Demographics
- 18,000 students served annually in 163 sites citywide and in 3 upstate NY counties
- 40% SWD (Students with Disabilities) in our Youth Justice programs

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BEING PART OF A BIGGER NETWORK HELPS!!!

A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION

- Pre-Release Planning

- Proper Handoff

- After Care Support

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Reengagement during custody

* **Students who are reengaged during custody need an education plan**

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Involving partners

* **Ensuring that students have a good connection with a support system is essential.**

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Community-Based Partnership Resources

Police Athletic League RISE
WHO: Youth ages 16-21
WHAT:
• School Support (GED, College, Vocational Programs), Tutoring, Life Skills, Counseling
• Job Readiness, Paid Internships, Job Placement and Post-Placement Support
WHERE: HARLEM

NYC Justice Corps
WHO: 18-24 Year olds who live in target communities
WHAT:
• School Support (Pre-GED, GED, College, Vocational Training), Internships
• Opportunities to Improve Your Community, Job Training, Counseling, Paid Participation in Corps
WHERE: SOUTH BRONX, HARLEM, JAMAICA, EAST NEW YORK

Fortune Society
WHO: 17 and Older
WHAT:
• Pre-GED and GED
• Jobs Help and Career Exploration, Green Jobs Training Opportunities, Paid Internships
• Counseling, Help with Benefits, Substance Abuse, Housing
WHERE: LONG ISLAND CITY QUEENS

CASES
WHO: 16-24 Year Olds
WHAT:
• Pre-GED, GED, Tutoring, College Transition Services
• Career Exploration, Community Service Projects, Paid Internships
• Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counseling
WHERE: LOWER MANHATTAN

CUNY Catch
at LaGuardia Community College
WHO: 16-21 Year Olds who want to get a GED and go to College
WHAT:
• Pre-GED, GED, Computer Skills
• College Prep, College Appliction, Financial Aid and Enrollment Assistance, Academic Counseling
WHERE: LONG ISLAND CITY QUEENS

Future Now
at Bronx Community College
WHO: 17-24 Year Olds who want to get a GED, or have a GED and want to go to Bronx Community College
WHAT:
• Pre-GED, GED, College Prep Classes.
• Help with College Application, Financial Aid, and Enrollment
• Peer Support, Academic Counseling, Tutoring, Leadership Skills, Job Training
WHERE: BRONX

College Initiative
WHO: New York City Residents with GED or High School Diploma
WHAT:
• College Orientation, College Prep Classes, Application Assistance, Help with Financial Aid, Academic Counseling, Tutoring, Peer Mentoring
• Help Figuring Out How to Pay for College
WHERE: LONG ISLAND CITY

Getting Out and Staying Out
WHO: 16-24 Year Old Men
WHAT:
• School Support (GED, College, Trade Schools)
• Career Exploration, Help with Jobs, Money Management, Life Skills, Help with Housing
• Counseling, Parenting Skills
WHERE: EAST HARLEM

Osborne Association
WHO: 18 and older
WHAT:
• Career Exploration, Empowerment Skills, Help with Jobs, Green Jobs Training
• Family Services, Parenting Skills
• Substance Abuse Help, Health Services
WHERE: BROOKLYN or the BRONX

YOUR NEXT STEP STARTS HERE.
Talk to your counselor for more info!
New York Reentry Education Network

DREAMS YouthBuild
WHO: 16-24 Year Olds Who Live in Bed-Stuy, Brownsville, Crown Heights, East New York, or Ocean Hill
WHAT:
• Pre-GED, GED, College Placement, Mentoring
• Construction Training, Certification Opportunities
• Life Skills, Leadership Development
• Job Readiness, Job Placement
WHERE: BROOKLYN

College and Community Fellowship
WHO: Women with a GED or High School Diploma
WHAT:
• College Orientation, Application Assistance, Help with Financial Aid, Academic Support, Theater for Social Change, Support Groups
• Help Figuring Out How to Pay For College
WHERE: MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS

Center for Employment Opportunities
WHO: 18-24 Year Olds with a Recent Criminal Conviction, or Parolees 18 and Older
WHAT:
• Pre-GED, GED, Life Skills Education, Vocational Training
• Transitional Employment, Job Readiness, Job Placement
WHERE: LOWER MANHATTAN and BRONX

Friends of Island Academy
WHO: 16-19 Year Olds and Bronx Fathers 25+
WHAT:
• School Support (HS and GED track, College), Tutoring, Career Exploration, Help with Jobs, Leadership Skills, Mentoring.
• Arts and Recreation Opportunities
• Counseling, Parenting, and Domestic Violence Classes
WHERE: MIDTOWN MANHATTAN

The Doe Fund
WHO: 18+, referred through Dept. of Homeless Services.
WHAT:
• Pre-GED, GED, Life Skills, Vocational Training
• Housing, Paid Transitional Work, Job Placement Assistance
WHERE: BROOKLYN and HARLEM

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STUDENT AT PASSAGES ACADEMY PROFILE

ISSAC

Was in a Manhattan HS, truant, not engaged	Got arrested on a non violent charge and was detained due to truancy and charge

HIS RELEASE DEPENDED ON A GOOD EDUCATION PLACEMENT

Counselor with Passages Academy worked on applying to a new HS and developed a plan	Transition advocates as well as agency staff and staff from the outside school were involved

WAS RELEASED IN JANUARY AND IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING JAMES BALDWIN HS REGULARLY

AFTER CARE IS IMPORTANT- Isaac writes in an email to his former teacher: "I have already established a close relationship with my crew advisor Marie Leblanc…Whether she knows it or not ;)"

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STUDENT AT EAST RIVER ACADEMY (RIKERS) PROFILE (High School)

JAMES M.

Was sentenced to 5 months at Rikers	Counselor Mrs. Romano called his home school and they were NOT willing to take him back

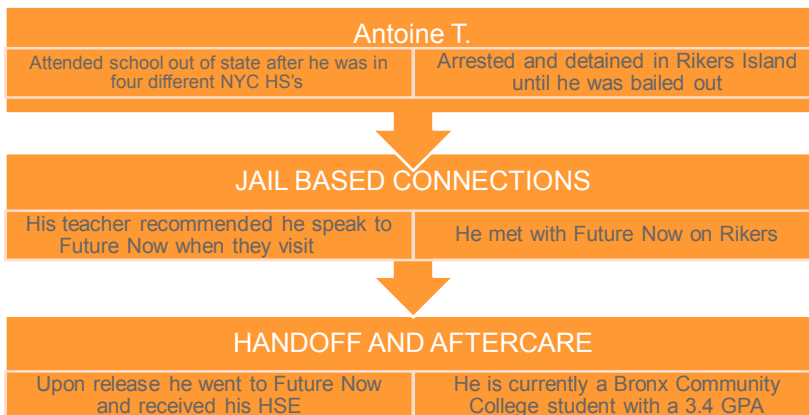| PRE-RELEASE PLANNING IS ESSENTIAL |
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Mrs. Romano advocated for the student to return to his previous school and also connected him to Getting Out Staying Out	Upon release, Mrs. Romano accompanied the student and his family to the readmission meeting at his school where he returned to.

AFTER CARE AND FOLLOW UP

James did a Social Work internship with Getting Out Staying Out	James graduated this January! He is working with our College and Career Resource centers to apply to college and maintains his GOSO relationship!

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STUDENT AT EAST RIVER ACADEMY (RIKERS) PROFILE (High School Equivalency)

Antoine T.	
Attended school out of state after he was in four different NYC HS's	Arrested and detained in Rikers Island until he was bailed out

JAIL BASED CONNECTIONS	
His teacher recommended he speak to Future Now when they visit	He met with Future Now on Rikers

HANDOFF AND AFTERCARE	
Upon release he went to Future Now and received his HSE	He is currently a Bronx Community College student with a 3.4 GPA

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HSE Graduation

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